

# **Weekly News**

#### **Tremont School District**

#### **Area School District Tax Rates**

Sean Berry, Superintendent

At the Tremont CUSD 702 Board of Education meeting on Thursday December 8th, the Board approved the tax levy for property taxes payable in 2023. This tax levy applies to the district's budget for the 2023-24 school year. To continue reading, please click the button below for the full article:

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#### **Tremont Museum**

#### **TOURS STILL AVAILABLE**

The Tremont Museum is closed for the season and will re-open in March. Please contact Rich Sauder at 309-231-1123 or Rick Otey at 309-840-1492 to arrange a special tour.

### Village Hall

### Notes from the Village Hall

As winter closes in, the Village Trustees wanted to provide some clarification on recent policy changes regarding Village responsibilities in regard to mailboxes during snow removal operations. In short, the Village assumes no responsibility for damages that occur to mailboxes because of the force behind snow being pushed off community streets. Some mailbox types just don't hold up very well when the force of moved snow slams into these structures. Surprisingly, metal mailboxes tend to be impacted more greatly in these situations.

Mailboxes are allowed on Village right-of-way but it's still rare for employees to jump the curb and physically hit one with the plow. It can happen on occasion. There are a lot of miles to plow, storm timing can be an issue, and visibility can be limited at times. In those situations, the Village will pay a standard rate of \$100 to replace.

Fiscal responsibility on limited public funds coincided with numerous requests for replacements in recent years. After researching the issue and reviewing other local municipalities, this policy was developed. Village officials hope residents understand the boundaries established to address community liability in these instances.

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As you may be aware, there is no waste disposal/pick-up franchise agreement for the entire community of Tremont. Grimm Brothers out of Morton served this role for residents who individually paid for garbage pick-up. Over the years, that company evolved and expanded but the concept of residents subscribing on their own to the service remained the same. Most recently, GFL purchased the company and assumed the reigns for a majority of community members. After a few initial challenges, the service seems to be improving.

The Village is researching the benefits of franchising waste disposal for the city limits of Tremont. This would entail Trustees passing an Ordinance requiring all residents to utilize the company selected. After a preliminary review of proposals from several businesses, a few general highlights have been noted:

- Cheaper monthly prices for our community members than are currently being paid.
- All residents would receive a 95-gallon rollable garbage cart. There are allowances
  for some limited additional collection at no charge. If two carts are needed, residents
  can pay for additional service. Typically, there would be no limits on trash pick-up
  the two weeks following Christmas.
- Allowances would be made for a free annual centralized "bulky-item" community clean up during a designated time period. Weekly bulky items can be picked up for an additional cost.
- Free service would be provided for the Turkey Festival.
- A recycling program would be available every other week.
- In some of the proposals, electronic waste options would be available at no cost to residents.

The Village Trustees will continue to discuss and review options in the next few months with a decision targeted before spring. Because of the nature of mandatory participation for residents, look for a public meeting to be convened prior to any decision made and an Ordinance adopted.

# **Community Calendar**

### Monday

HS Boys Basketball @ Williamsville Tourney - TBA

# Tuesday

HS Girls Basketball @ Princeville Tourney - TBA

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HS Girls Basketball @ Princeville Tourney - TBA

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### **Thursday**

HS Girls Basketball @ Princeville Tourney - TBA

HS Boys Basketball @ Williamsville - TBA

HS Wrestling @ Eureka vs Abe's Rumble - 9:00AM

HS Wrestling @ Eureka vs Eureka JV Invite - 9:00AM

## **Friday**

HS Wrestling @ Springfield vs Abe's Rumble - 9:00AM

V Boys Swimming HOME (Pekin High School) vs Downstate 9 Relays - 11:00AM

#### **Around Town**



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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